GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6183
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2003
BEEDI WORKERS
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE;SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of beedi workers are increasing in the country since 1998;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether the funds allocation is not commensurate with the increase in the number of beedi workers;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to allocate more funds for the welfare of beedi workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a): The State Governments are furnishing the figures of estimated beedi workers in their respective states on regular basis. Accordingly, estimated beedi workers were 43.99 lakh in 1998 and 45.16 lakh in 2002.

(b): A statement is annexed.

(c): No, Sir. The fund allocation to Beedi Workers Welfare Fund was Rs.31.96 crore in the year 1997-98 which has increased to Rs.92.36 crore in 2002-2003 against an increase of the number of beedi workers during the same period by 1.17 lakh only.

(d) & (e): Does not arise in view of answer to the part (c) above.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6183 DATED 5.5.2003.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF BEEDI WORKERS ESTIMATED SINCE 1998 TILL 2002

Sl. No.	Name of the State	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6,25,050	6,25,050	6,25,050	6,25,050	6,25,050
2.	Assam	7,725	7,725	7,725	7,725	7,725
3.	Bihar	3,91,500	3,91,500	3,91,500	3,91,500	3,91,500
4.	Gujarat	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,348
5.	Karnataka	3,60,000	3,60,000	3,60,000	3,60,876	3,60,876
6.	Kerala	1,36,416	1,36,416	1,36,416	1,36,416	1,36,416
7	Madhya pradesh	7,50,000	7,50,000	7,50,000	7,50,000	8,27,194
8.	Maharashtra	2,56,000	2,56,000	2,56,000	2,56,000	2,56,000
9.	Orissa	1,60,000	1,60,000	1,60,000	1,60,000	1,67,466
10.	Rajasthan	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000
11.	Tamil Nadu	6,20,950	6,20,950	6,20,950	6,20,950	6,41,188
12.	Tripura	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000

13.Uttar Pradesh	4,50,000	4,50,000	4,50,000	4,50,000	4,50,000
14.West Bengal	4,87,000	4,87,000	4,87,000	4,97,758	4,97,758
Total	43,99,641	43,99,641	43,99,641	44,11,275	45,16,521